

# Councilman LaValle and Legislator Muratore Meet With Matthew Botchler, In Need Of Kidney Donor

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*Left to right: Legislator Tom Muratore, Selden resident Matthew Botchler, and Brookhaven Councilman Kevin LaValle*

**Farmingville, NY** - Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) and Brookhaven Town Councilman Kevin LaValle (R-Selden) met today with Matthew Botchler, a Selden resident in need of a living kidney donor.

Botchler, age 37, discovered last July that he would need a kidney transplant. Because of health issues stemming from birth, his medical team at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City advised him that a kidney from a live donor would work best for him. Botchler's situation is unique in that state and national organizations cannot seek live donors, which means he must find one on his own.

Legislator Muratore commented, "April is National Donate Life Month, which creates awareness for those in need of organ donations. There is a young man in need right here in our community. Matthew has sought donors from family and friends, but none of them proved to be a match. As his legislator, I am determined to get the word out and encourage those who meet the criteria to consider being tested as a possible match."

"Donating an organ to save someone's life is an extraordinarily altruistic act," said Councilman LaValle. "Matthew's courage and perseverance thus far has been truly uplifting. I'm honored to have the opportunity to work alongside Legislator Muratore to help find Matthew an eligible donor."

If you are interested in being a possible donor, you must be between the ages of 18 and 43, have either O+ or O- blood type, and generally be in good health. For more information and criteria, you may contact the Zweig Family Center for Living Donations at 212-659-8024. Or, visit Matt's Facebook page, titled Matt's Kidney Kampaign.

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